

ORDER

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FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

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SUBJ: REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK

1. **PURPOSE.** This order defines the mission of the Regional Environmental Network.
2. **DISTRIBUTION.** This order is distributed to division level and above in the regional headquarters and to members of the Headquarters Environmental Network through AEE-300, Environmental Network Coordinator.
3. **BACKGROUND.** In 1990, a Letter of Understanding (LOU) addressing FAA's environmental responsibilities was initiated by the FAA's Office of Environment and Energy (AEE) and signed by the Executive Board, the Assistant Administrator for Airports, and the Assistant Administrator for Policy, Planning, and International Aviation. The LOU was developed to strengthen the FAA's commitment to carry out its responsibilities and protect its reputation in the environmental area. The LOU places the responsibility of coordinating cross-division environmental matters and overseeing regional environmental activities with the regional administrators. The LOU also calls for each service to designate senior staff members as environmental contacts in both headquarters and the regions to work on environmental issues that cut across services or divisions.
4. **NETWORK COMPOSITION.** The Network (as it shall be called) includes a designated representative from Air Traffic, Flight Standards, Airports, Logistics, Airway Facilities, Legal, New York NAS Implementation Center, and NY Flight Procedures Office. The Network will be chaired by an individual appointed by Network members.
5. **MISSION.** The Network shall act as the regional environmental awareness advocate, facilitating and coordinating activities as required, providing forums for information dissemination, and providing the leadership to improve handling of environmental matters in the region. The Network's mission is as follows:
 - a. Enhance Regional Environmental Awareness.
 - (1) Establish environmental awareness.
 - (2) Encourage environmental education.
 - b. Information Exchange.
 - (1) Provide a forum to disseminate environmental information and concerns between the divisions and between regions.
 - (2) Provide training information.
 - c. Issue Identification.
 - (1) Provide a forum to discuss potential environmental issues or concerns that cut across divisional boundaries.
 - (2) Provide a forum to discuss regional environmental issues that are controversial with the public or our employees.
 - (3) Provide a forum to discuss environmental requirements and compliance activities.

6. SCOPE. The scope of the Network includes, but is not limited to: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) issues, hazardous materials/EDDA issues, Part 150/161/91 issues, Clean Air Act, and DOT environmental regulatory issues.

7. MEETING SCHEDULES. Activities within the region will influence the need for Network meetings; therefore, the Network will establish a schedule that supports its mission. However, the Network will meet at least once each quarter. Minutes will be prepared and distributed for each meeting.

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